GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPANSION OF RASHTRIYA RIFLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to expand Rashtriya Rifles;

(b) if so, the number of additional battalions of Rashtriya Rifles proposed to be raised; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Government have taken a decision in 2000, to raise six Rashtriya Rifles (RR) battalions with related infrastructure, every year, over a period of five consecutive years. During 2001-2003, eighteen additional RR battalions havebeen raised. An annual review is conducted by the Government to determine the need of raising each year.